

**Commissioners of Fire District No.1  
Franklin Township, Somerset County, New Jersey  
OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 27, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 8:0 p.m. at Middlebush Fire House by Chairman Shimalla, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the reading of the Sunshine Law Statement. Adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing a notice to the Home News Tribune and the Courier News and by filing a notice with the Clerk of Franklin Township and by posting a notice in the Municipal Building, DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ, all of which contain information concerning hours and places of these meetings. (A moment of silence was held for our departed brothers and sisters.)

Commissioners Goldberg, Hibbard, Janho, Shimalla and Wickman were present.

The Fire Departments were represented by:

Elizabeth Avenue ..... A. Scott  
Middlebush .....C. Ryan  
Millstone Valley..... JT Giorgianni  
Somerset.....D. Summers

A motion to approve the minutes of the 5/23/22 and 5/9/22 was made by Commissioner Wickman second by Commissioner Hibbard. All in favor.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

1. Commissioner Wickman presented the treasurer’s report. Commissioner Hibbard made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report and for the bills to be paid, second by Commissioner Shimalla. All in favor.
2. Audit of the chief’s accounts are being set up – Resolution 16-23 provides for this.
3. Station 26 generator - Commissioner Wickman reported the board will be having a special meeting soon to start the procedure to approve the emergency appropriation/rental.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – A letter was received the old chiefs cars, tabled.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**LEGAL COUNSEL REPORTS**-Resolution 22-23 presented by Commissioner Shimalla, second by Commissioner Wickman to rescind existing Use of Legal Services resolution 11-13, board polled – All in favor.

**INSURANCE:**

**LOSAP:** Closed and submitted

**PURCHASING:**. Commissioner Hibbard made a motion to send the new equipment out to bid, second by Commissioner Wickman, - All in favor.

**DISTRICT LINE OFFICERS' MEETING:** Deputy Chief Reier read the minutes from the meeting held tonight. He will email them to Dawn.

**TRUCK & EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE:** Commissioner Janho reported that he received emails from each company with their status and that the generator at Station 26 needs to be replaced.

- Sta. 26 – 26-2 being serviced
- Sta. 28 – FP out for body work
- Sta. 44 – 44-2 limited service
- Sta. 56 – 56-2 hydraulics out of service

Resolution 22-22 Sale of 2007 Squad 28 made by Commissioner Janho, second by Commissioner Goldberg. Board polled all in favor.

**IT and GIS and RED ALERT**– Commissioner Shimalla – need meeting with the committee. The tablets have been fixed and new batteries and more tablets are needed.

**RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION/INTERNET PRESENCE:**

1. Replacement materials ordered
2. Advertising at the diner
3. Discussion ensued about looking into the mini dump – waiting for interest.
4. Recruitment incentive update to be discussed at special meeting.
5. Update the clothing allowance – to be added to the July agenda.

**RADIO REPAIRS & COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Updates to programming being made
2. Renewing the radio license for \$100.00.

**FIRE PREVENTION BOARD:**

1. Commissioner Wickman advised the fire prevention board held a discussion on replacing the safety trailer/smokehouse

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE:**

**TRAINING:**

44 is having a live burn at the Somerville tower on June 28.

**HOSE TESTING**-Commissioner Hibbard getting quotes from multiple places.

**BUDGET/ELECTION**- no report

**ENGINE 56-1** – Waiting for 1 issue to be addressed. – Akron valve

**SQUAD 28**- Still 1 issue

**ENGINE 8** – minor change order and supply chain issues

**TRAFFIC SIGNAL DEVICES:** no report

**FIVE-YEAR PLAN:** in progress

**RESPIRATORY PROTECTION PLAN:** List sent to chiefs.

FIT TESTING	
44	7/12/22
56	7/26/22
26	8/10/22
28	9/27/22

**ANNUAL AWARDS COMMITTEE / ANNUAL INSPECTION:** To be discussed at SOG meeting

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:** Commissioner Goldberg requested any policy or resolution that anyone thinks needs to be updated to please bring it to his attention. Good time at the picnic.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY PERIOD:**

Commissioner Wickman made a motion to open the meeting to the public, Commissioner Janho second. All in favor.

Motion to close the meeting to the public by Commissioner Goldberg, second by Commissioner Wickman-All in favor.

Motion to close by Commissioner Goldberg, second by Commissioner Wickman – all in favor

Meeting closed at 8:53 PM.

Commissioner Janho, Clerk

**MINUTES, DATED 6-27-22**

**Type of Meeting:** Agenda Special Work Session Discussion

**Location:** Middlebush Fire House **Time:** 7:15

**Fire Commissioners Attending:**

\_A\_ J. Goldberg      X R. Hibbard      \_X\_ T. Janho      \_X\_ P. Shimalla      X J. Wickman

**Others Attending:**

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1. 700 Mghz/UHF Radio (Rich) – Progress
2. Use of legal services (Jay) – Rescind resolution 22-23
3. Code of Conduct policy (Jay) – next month
4. Status of recruitment materials (Jay) ordered
5. Mini dump interest (Jay) next month
6. Tuition Reimbursement (Jay) next month
7. Chiefs account audit (Rich) – being set up
8. FP 28 (Tim) minor damage being repaired
9. 26 generator (Tim) waiting for approval and procedure by legal and auditor
10. Sale of 2007 Squad 28 (Tim) – Resolution for tonight 22-22
11. New equipment out to bid (Rich) motion in meeting
12. Others?

Motion by Commissioner Shimalla, second Commissioner Janho to open the session to the public, all in favor.  
Motion to close the agenda session made by Commissioner Haho, second by Commissioner Shimalla all in favor.

Motion to close the agenda session made by Commissioner Shimalla, second by Commissioner Janho, all in favor.

Agenda closed at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tim Janho, Clerk

**Commissioners of Fire District No. 1  
Franklin Township • Somerset County  
New Jersey  
VOTING RECORD  
REGULAR MEETING June 27, 2022**

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>GOLDBERG</b>	<b>HIBBARD</b>	<b>JANHO</b>	<b>SHIMALLA</b>	<b>WICKMAN</b>
Agenda Public Commentary opened	Y	Y	S-Y	M-Y	Y
Agenda Public commentary closed	Y	Y	M-Y	S-Y	Y
Agenda Meeting closed	Y	Y	S-Y	M-Y	Y
Approve mins meeting 5/23/22 AND 5/9/22	Y	S-Y	Y	Y	M-Y
Approve Treasurers Report	Y	M-Y	Y	S-Y	Y
Reso 22-23 to rescind Use of Legal services 11-13	Y	Y	Y	M-Y	S-Y
Resolution 22-22 Sale of 2007 Squad	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Public Commentary opened	Y	Y	S-Y	Y	M-Y
Public commentary closed	M-Y	Y	Y	Y	S-Y
Meeting closed 8:36	M-Y	Y	Y	Y	S-Y

**A=ABSENT FOR VOTE**

**M=MADE THE MOTION**

**S=SECONDED THE MOTION**

**Y=AYE VOTE**

**N=NO VOTE**